

**West Contra Costa Unified School District  
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting  
Lovonya DeJean Middle School  
3400 Macdonald Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94805**

**January 23, 2013**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

**B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Kronenberg led the pledge of allegiance.

**B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures**

President Kronenberg offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

**B.3 Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

**Staff Present:** Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance/Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Rhonda Haney, Interim Coordinator for Safety and Disaster Preparedness; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Reyna Ortiz de Touriel, Interpreter; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services; Teonna Thompson, Senior Account Clerk; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Martin Coyne, Business Services; Lynn Potter, Director Educational Services

**B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Richmond High School**

Romelia Loaiza provided a report of activities at Richmond High School.

**B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**

None

**B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the agenda to include moving the following items up on the agenda, D.1, F.1, F.3A and F.4. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

**B.7 Minutes: December 12, 2012; December 19, 2012; January 5, 2013; January 9, 2013**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2012; December 19, 2012; January 5, 2013 and January 9, 2013. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0

**D.1 Kensington Second Graders - "I Have A Dream" Performance**

Students from Janet McKnight's second grade class recited Dr. King's famous speech.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

President Kronenberg thanked Ms. McKnight and her class for their performance in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

**F.1 Approval of Agreement with School Supervisors Association (SSA) / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SSA**

**Public Comment:**

Sandra Falk

**Board Comment:**

President Kronenberg thanked the SSA negotiation team for their hard work. She said she was incredibly impressed with the integrity brought to the table by the District and SSA teams. She stressed her appreciation for the efforts everyone made.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SSA. Mrs. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**F.3A Approval of Agreement with Public Employees, Local One / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

None

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**F.4 Approval of Agreement with West Contra Costa Administrators Association (WCCAA) / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with WCCAA**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

President Kronenberg spoke about both the Local One and the WCCAA agreements having the elements of incredible hard work and integrity. She thanked everyone who had any involvement with coming to the agreements.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with WCCAA. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements**

**C.2 Acceptance of Donations**

**C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**

**C.4 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**

**C.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 62-1213: Replacement of Outdated Warrant**

**C.6 Notification of Claim Rejected**

**C.7 Notice of Completion: Bid J068237 Gompers Demolition & Site Work**

This item was removed from the agenda by staff.

**C.8 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified**

**C.9 Approval of School Calendars for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015**

**C.10 Resolution No. 63-1213: African-American History Month - February 2013**

- C.11 Resolution No. 64-1213: Recognition of West Contra Costa Unified School District Job Shadow Day February 1, 2013 and Recognition of February 2013 as National Job Shadow Month**
- C.12 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.13 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.6, C. 8 - C.13. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

- D.1 Kensington Second Graders - “I Have A Dream” Performance**  
This item was moved to follow B.7.

- D.2 National Boards Certification Recognition**

Ms. Rashidchi spoke about the importance of the National Board Certification for teachers. She introduced Ms. Cinda Rapp, a National Board Certified teacher. Ms. Rapp spoke about the process and curriculum. She introduced the newly certified teachers. She thanked the Board and recognized the District’s first National Board certified teacher, Ms. Mary Ann LaFosse. Mr. Eric Peterson, principal at Dover Elementary, thanked Ms. Rapp and the Board for their support to teachers in the District. He spoke about the importance of the professional teacher and raising the standard of teaching. Certificates of recognition were presented to the newly certified teachers.

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Board Comment:**  
None

- D.3 REMS Update**

Rhonda Haney Campus Security Officer Charles Johnson gave the Board an update on the emergency preparedness of the District.

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Board Comment:**  
Mr. Groves had questions about collaboration with local law enforcement and SRO/CSO’s. Ms. Haney and Mr. Johnson responded.

Mr. Enos asked how the information gathered from the site assessments will get back to the school sites. Mr. Greer and Ms. Haney plan to meet quarterly with the principals to share information.

President Kronenberg said she was impressed with the work done to get the District prepared in case of an emergency. She said it’s important for the community to know the District is sensitive to safety issues. She thanked Ms. Haney and Mr. Johnson for their hard work.

- D.4 Mock Trial Overview**

Nancy Schiff gave an update of the progress of the mock trial program and thanked the Board for its support.

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Board Comment:**  
President Kronenberg thanked Ms. Schiff for the update.

Mr. Groves thanked Ms. Schiff for bringing the program to the District. He had questions about the summer internship program and transportation. Ms. Schiff responded.

Mr. Enos thanked Ms. Schiff for her work. He noted that he had coached the mock trial program at Kennedy in the late 1990's, saying the program brings students to a competitive edge.

Mr. Ramsey said he was impressed that the students had opportunity work alongside a federal judge, a great experience for the students. He thanked Ms. Schiff for her work and asked what the Board could do to further support the program. Mr. Ramsey suggested contacting District Attorney Mark Peterson to support the program.

Student Representative Romelia Loziana spoke about her participation in the mock trial program.

Ms. Merriweather thanked Ms. Schiff for her work. She said the program is a really good experience for the students. She also asked about expanding to more schools. Ms. Schiff responded.

President Kronenberg said she was very impressed by the work done by students. She agreed about reaching out to the District Attorney's office for support and thanked Ms. Schiff for her update.

## **D.5 Standing Reports**

**Academic Subcommittee.** Ms. Rashidchi reported on the last Academic Subcommittee meeting and the new monthly Common Core newsletter. She said the next meeting is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Helms Middle.

**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee.** Mr. Ramsey announced the next meeting for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Community Budget Advisory Meeting.** Ms. Gamba announced the next meeting for January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Alvarado.

**Facilities Committee.** Mr. Ramsey reported that the committee made a decision to adopt a budget that will be presented to the Board on February 6. He thanked the community for supporting the bond measures and said the next meeting is scheduled for February 12.

**Ivy League Connection.** Mr. Ramsey reported that student interviews are currently taking place. President Kronenberg spoke about the mentorship program. Mr. Ramsey encouraged everyone to look at the Ivy League connection blog to view former student's testimonials.

**Safety Committee.** Ms. Merriweather reported on the recent Safety Committee meeting. She said the next meeting is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM at Alvarado.

**Youth Commission.** Mr. Groves reported on the recent Youth Commission meeting.

## **E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS** (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

### **E.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

### **E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment**

Anne Todd, Patty Carrousel, Rosemary Oliveira, Melody Priceman, Mario Sagatume, Marialyce Dayale, Ana, Guzman, Susan Billings, Bea Lieberman, Amanda Henderson, Howard Cook, Kristyn Jones

### **E.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community**

Superintendent Harter recognized the contributions of members of the community who have passed away.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Board Comment:**

None

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**F.1 Approval of Agreement with School Supervisors Association (SSA) / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SSA**

This item was moved to follow D.1.

**F.2 Approval of Strategic Planning Consultant**

Dr. Harter made a recommendation for the Board to approve the strategic planning consultant, Capital Impact/Th3rd Plateu. Mr. Jay Schenirer, managing partner of Capital Impact/Th3rd Plateu, gave an overview of the company.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Merriweather requested information about the consultant firm. Mr. Schenirer responded.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Strategic Planning Consultant. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**F.3A Approval of Agreement with Public Employees, Local One / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One**

This item was moved to follow F.1.

**F.4 Approval of Agreement with West Contra Costa Administrators Association (WCCAA) / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with WCCAA**

This item was moved to follow F.3A.

**F.5 Resolution No. 61-1213: Appointment of Piper Jaffray & Co. and E.J. De La Rosa the investment bankers, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth (Stradling) as bond counsel and GCR as disclosure counsel in connection with the issuance of 2012 Bond Measure E first series of bonds and issuance of 2010 Bond Measure D second series of bonds and any series of general obligation refunding bonds during 2013**

Ms. Gamba introduced the bond finance team. She then recommended adoption of the resolution in order to move forward with planning, investment outreach and preparation for a bond sale.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey asked for clarification about the resolution. Mr. Olson of KNN Public Finance and Ms. Gamba responded. Mr. Ramsey asked about conflicts with underwriters.

Ms. Merriweather asked for clarification about the resolution. Mr. Olson responded.

President Kronenberg asked how many firms were involved in the interview process. Ms. Gamba responded.

Mr. Ramsey asked about the structure and size of the upcoming bond sale. Mr. Olson responded.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 61-1213: Appointment of Piper Jaffray & Co. and E.J. De La Rosa the investment bankers, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth (Stradling) as bond counsel and GCR as disclosure counsel in connection with the issuance of 2012 Bond Measure E first series of bonds and issuance of 2010 Bond Measure D second series of bonds and any series of general obligation refunding bonds during 2013. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Romelia Loaiza (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** (continued from Item E)  
None

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**  
Mr. Ramsey wished his daughter a happy eighteenth birthday.

Ms. Merriweather said she enjoyed the student's performances and she hoped the Board would have more.

Mr. Groves acknowledged Ed Roberts Day. Mr. Roberts was an activist for the severely handicapped.

**J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
Lovonya DeJean Middle School – February 6, 2013

**K. ADJOURNMENT**  
President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 9:30P.M.

*Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent*

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